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FROM: David M. Wham, Reclamation Hydrologist *DMW*

RE: 1986 Field Inspection, Payday Gold Placer Claims, Clive L. Stewart, DOE/O19/O31, Grand County, Submittal of August 14, 1986

Wayne Hedberg, Lynn Kunzler and I inspected the above referenced minesite on August 21, 1986. Access to the site is gained by following highway 163 to its junction with highway 128 just north of Moab. Follow highway 128 for 17.8 miles and turn left on a dirt road. This road leads directly to the minesite (approximately a quarter mile) and is identified by a sign reading "Montague Metal and Machine, Moab Project".

The project is located adjacent to the Colorado River and consists of 2 claims, Payday #1 and #2. Although the site appeared inactive, we found many pieces of equipment on the site, including a trailer home, conveyors, screening drums, storage tanks, and assorted debris. It was apparent that the site had been active in the past as a number of old pits, trenches and cobble piles were observed.

A good deal of recent earthwork was also observed. Several pits and trenches had been backfilled completely while many others were in varying states of completion. However, the majority of the disturbed area on the property was in an unclaimed condition.

Review of our files shows that Mr. J. J. Daly, representing Del Coronado Gold Inc. filed a previous DOE (DOE/O19/O26) for the same 2 claims on May 10, 1984. On August 22, 1984, James Smith and Thomas Tetting visited the site. They indicated that the operation was inactive, noting that "many pieces of equipment were stored on site and several small excavations have been made without having been filled. The impacts to the surface of the property are minimal at this time".

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I contacted Teresa McFarland, (BLM geologist, Grand Resource Area, Moab) to inquire about the status of these operations. Ms. McFarland said she had become quite familiar with the previous operator ( J. J. Daly) in her attempts to have reclamation work performed on the site. However, she informed me that Mr. Daly has since left the area and that she was unable to contact him at his previous address or phone number. Ms. McFarland was not aware of the new operator on the property or of any recent reclamation activities. Recently, I have been unable to contact Mr. Stewart to determine the status of the operation and identify any common interest between the present and past operators on the site.

Recommended Action:

Contact operator to determine the status of the operation and identify any common interests between the present and past operators on the site.

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